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## Fall Ceremonial and Entertainment Attended by 5,000 Nobles

### 100 Candidates Initiated Largest Class of Novices since 1930

THE Fall Ceremonial of Aleppo Temple was held in Mechanics Building, Friday, November 17, 1939, with one of the largest number of Shriners present for several years.

This ceremonial was named "Governor's Night," in honor of Governor

to membership by Affiliation and twenty-eight Nobles were Reinstated to membership.

A change of by-laws with reference to the Permanent Fund, which was presented at the August meeting and printed in the call for this meeting,



The above picture was taken at the Altar when Governor Saltonstall and Mayor Burgin of Quincy joined Aleppo.

Left to right, front row, wearing Fezzes: Governor Louis O. Barrows of Maine; Potentate James J. Curry of Aleppo Temple; Governor Leverett Saltonstall. Second row: Mayor Thomas S. Burgin of Quincy; Assistant Rabban Willard P. Lombard, and Chief Rabban Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Leverett Saltonstall, who was one of the candidates for initiation.

A business meeting was opened in Talbot Hall at 4:00 o'clock P. M., by Potentate James J. Curry, assisted by his divan of elected and appointed officers.

Applications were received from 101 aspirants for the Order who were balloted upon and were elected to receive the degrees.

Upon ballot five Nobles were elected

according to law, was discussed by Recorder Walter W. Morrison, who made the motion that it be adopted. The motion was seconded and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon motion of Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee, duly seconded, it was voted that a committee be appointed to secure a Past Potentate's jewel to be presented to Illustrious Potentate James J. Curry at the Annual Meeting in January.

There being no further business, the one hundred candidates present were escorted into the Temple where they took upon themselves the obligation of the Mystic Shrine, and witnessed the Ritualistic work of the first and third sections of the degree as portrayed by the Ritualistic Degree Team.

A buffet dinner was served in Exhibition Hall by the Steward and his assistants from 5:00 to 7:00 o'clock P.M.

At 6:00 o'clock P.M. the Shrine Band under the direction of Walter M. Smith, Jr., entertained the Nobles with a Band Concert.

At 6:30 o'clock P.M. Illustrious Potentate Curry called the evening meeting to order, at which time he presented to the Nobility present, Honorable Leverett Saltonstall, Governor of Massachusetts and Honorable Thomas S. Burgin, Mayor of Quincy, both of whom were members of the class of candidates at this ceremonial. This class of 100 candidates is the largest class of candidates the Temple has had since 1930.

Other guests introduced by the Potentate included Governor Louis O. Barrows of Maine, a member of Anah Temple of Bangor; Honorable Frederick W. Cook, Secretary of the State of Massachusetts; Dr. F. Lawrence Bulfinch, Potentate of Bektash Temple of Concord, N. H.; Horace Hussey, Potentate of Kora Temple of Lewiston, Maine; Norman P. Dempsey, Potentate of Melha Temple of Springfield, Massachusetts; Donald Spears, Potentate of Palestine Temple of Providence, Rhode Island and many State Senators and Representatives who had attended to see Governor Saltonstall cross the "Hot Sands."

An evening parade and exhibition drill was given in Grand Hall under the direction of Major Benjamin R. Vaughn, assisted by Captain Henry E. Keough. The uniformed men were given a great ovation for their colorful and snappy drilling.

The Second Section work which followed was under the direction of Director Paul F. Bowser who announced the work as it progressed on the floor. The Degree Staff again did a very noble piece of work in handling this record class of candidates.

Following the degree work Noble Charles W. Pike presented one of his usual high class vaudeville shows which kept the Nobles in their seats until the last act had been completed.

Noble James J. Curry thanked the members for attending in such large numbers and also for obtaining such a large class of candidates for his final ceremonial.



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## A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**T**HE Potentate and Officers of Aleppo Temple wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We sincerely hope that 1940 will be a year of Peace and Harmony throughout the World. "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



### *The following Nobles were created November 17, 1939.*

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**W**E have asked many times in the past for our Nobles to send in Shrine news for the magazine. The following article was received from no less than six Nobles. It is a most interesting article and we hope the Nobles will send in more of them.

St. Louis, Nov. 8.—The linking of charitable hands half-way across the continent brought frail 7-year-old Patricia McKenzie of Liberty Lake, Wash., here today for an operation to remove a dangerous chest tumor.

A railroad arranged free transportation for Patricia and her mother, Mrs. E. J. McKenzie, and the operation will be performed without charge by a noted St. Louis surgeon. A downtown hotel is furnishing the mother room and meals.

The child was taken to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, where she cheerfully looked forward to the operation.

"My birthday is Saturday," she said, her brown eyes twinkling. "I think this is the best present I've ever had. I hope some day soon I'll be able to run and play like my friends back home at school."

The trip from Spokane, Wash.—the first train ride for both of them—was arranged by Shriners in St. Louis and Spokane. The child's father, a school bus driver, had no money to defray the expenses of the trip and the operation.

"I didn't think that persons not knowing us personally would do such a wonderful thing," Mrs. McKenzie said. "Even the taxicab drivers here won't charge me. They ask if I'm Mrs. McKenzie and they say, 'It's O K—the ride's on the company.'"



### ANNUAL MEETING

**T**HE date of the Annual Meeting of Aleppo Temple has been set for Friday, January 26, 1940. This will be the annual business meeting and election of officers for the year 1940. The usual grand vaudeville show will follow the meeting.

Mark the date down in your calendar right now so as to be sure not to miss the first meeting of the coming year.

The 1940 membership cards will be necessary for admission to this meeting. These cards are now ready at the Recorder's office. Why not send a check for yours while it is on your mind? Don't wait until the day of the meeting as it might be necessary to stand in a long line on that day. Do it now.

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#### NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS cheer will be bestowed upon the crippled children of southeastern Massachusetts on Sunday afternoon, December 17, at a party in the Masonic Temple, New Bedford. The event will be entirely in keeping with the yearly policy of the Shrine Club which brings to the unfortunate youngsters of the district the fullest joy of the holiday season.

Everything is being done by the Nobles to make the affair a happy and memorable one not only for the little guests but the Shriners and friends who will attend. Music and a program of youthful entertainment has been prepared with quantities of ice cream, soda and other delicacies. Naturally a Christmas party would be very much amiss without a visit from St. Nicholas and the Club officials have a definite promise that he will call with gifts and goodies for everyone of the boys and girls and therefore the afternoon will be complete.

President William Stitt is general chairman of the arrangements. With Noble Stitt the following will serve as committee members: Past President William Kenworthy, Vice President Andrew P. Lonergan, Secretary Charles E. Davis, Jr., and Noble Francis J. Denby. Under this Committee's direction a large group of Shriners will be asked to serve in the capacity of hosts.

Transportation of the children will be handled by Nobles Walter C. Hutchings, Chairman, Fred F. Cowden, James A. Thompson and Past President William Beserosky. It is anticipated that about seventy-five children will be cared for at this party.

The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held in January. The date will be determined by the Governing Board and announced later. A fine program will be arranged and Nobles should keep this coming event in mind.

#### WORCESTER SHRINE CLUB TO HAVE ANNUAL POTENTATE'S NIGHT

THE Worcester County Shrine Club will celebrate Potentates' Night on Monday, December 11, with Potentate James J. Curry of Aleppo Temple as the special guest of honor. Potentate Dempsey of Melha and Potentate Spears of Palestine have accepted invitations.

A fine entertainment has been arranged by Noble Walter Merkel, chairman of the club's entertainment committee. Vice President Bob Wray is in charge of the dinner arrangements with Secretary Jim Estes and Noble Charlie Karle on his committee. President Joe DeWolf will preside.

The Worcester club arranged for a pilgrimage to the joint ceremonial of Melha and Sphinx Temples held in Hartford, Saturday, December 2. They traveled in a new type of comfortable deluxe buss equipped with complete refrigeration service and stewardess provided under the management of Noble Ed Taylor.

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LAST month we printed an article in the News regarding the 57th wedding anniversary of our Recorder and Mrs. Walter Morrison. We did get a little mixed up in reporting that the wedding party left Boston in a blizzard, as Walter advises it was a beautiful warm day.

However, Walter says that all is forgiven and everyone is happy, for news travels and our News reached the home of "57" Varieties in Pittsburgh as the following letter will show.

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By NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY

Associate Editor

**T**HE patrol put its best foot forward at the November ceremonial and its performance with the nice playing of the band, the presence of distinguished guests and Charlie Pike's fine entertainment, all helped to make it one of the best ceremonials for a long time.

To Captain Keough is due great credit for his "parade of the lightning bugs." This movement was ingenious and received a good hand. Major Vaughan has the fullest cooperation of all the members in his plan to present something novel at every ceremonial. Of course, some little credit goes to the men in the platoons. They have been very loyal and the attendance at weekly drills has been better than at any time in the past. Rarely is a member absent except for illness or for business reasons.

Incidentally, the long waiting list of candidates for membership on the patrol is reduced by two and we welcome Nobles Dawes and Moore as new members. Noble W. R. Dawes lives at 133 Grand View Avenue, Wollaston. He is manager of Woolworth's Summer Street store and is a member of Rural Lodge, St. Stephen's Chapter, Quincy Commandery and Boston Consistory. He has had military experience at military school, and in the National Guard, and is Past Commander of Quincy Commandery. Noble Lewis E. Moore lives at 1083 Boylston Street, Boston, and is with the National Biscuit Company at Cambridge. He is a member of Merrimack Lodge, Pentucket Chapter, and Haverhill Commandery, and has had two years of naval training.

Members are looking ahead to the annual dinner of the patrol on December 15, at Aleppo Headquarters. The divan officers will be guests of honor. The dinner will be in charge of Lieutenant Walter Benson. Entertainment will include the showing of the technicolor pictures taken at Baltimore last June, by Noble Gordon Chapmen.

Noble Russ Lynn, Commander of St. Omer Commandery, has sixteen active members of the patrol on his list of officers and escort members, this year, and six others who were formerly members of the patrol. This is partiality, coincidence, or something, but it is interesting anyway.

Corp. Robert Bradshaw, of the fourth platoon, has been ill for several weeks, and is greatly missed. Best wishes Bob from each and all.

Noble Harold Budreau, of the fourth platoon is spending a month in Mexico City. Some fellows have it pretty tough, don't they?

Among the compliments received for the performance at the recent ceremon-

nial was this nice letter from Past Potentate Clarence McKenzie:

"November 20, 1939.

"Major Benjamin R. Vaughan,  
"Aleppo Temple  
"Boston, Massachusetts

"Dear Major Ben:

"I want to compliment and congratulate you on the excellence of the patrol work last Friday. I have never seen its equal in Mechanics Hall.

"Undoubtedly a large body like ours admirably fits a large hall like Mechanics and are most effective when they do mass movements. The results showed indefatigable and interminable work on your part. You must have felt very happy at the outcome with the gratification of knowing that the means justified the end.

"Governor Barrows, with whom I spent the evening, as his aide, got a great kick out of it and was thrilled with the whole performance.

"With kind personal regards and best wishes.

"Yours very truly,

"Clarence J. McKenzie."



#### RECEPTION TO NEW GRAND COMMANDER

**A** LARGE number of Aleppo members with their wives attended the reception to the new Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, R. Em. Sir Arthur A. A. Stewart, given him by his own Pilgrim Commandery of Lowell. The reception was held in the beautiful Masonic Temple in the Grand Commander's home city of Lowell.

Following a reception and turkey dinner the program consisted of a musical concert, a grand march and dancing. During the evening's program the new Grand Commander was presented with a beautiful traveling service.

Among the distinguished Nobles present were Past Potentate and Mrs. Harry G. Pollard, Past Grand Commander and Mrs. Frank L. Nagle, Past Grand Commander and Past Imperial Potentate Clarence M. Dunbar and Mrs. Dunbar of Providence, Past Grand Commander and Mrs. Charles F. White, and Aide to the Potentate H. Hutchings Parker.

## SOUTH SHORE NEWS

By NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES

Associate Editor

**M**AYOR Thomas S. Burgin of Quincy appeared to recover quickly from the trip across the hot sands. Only he did it on a camel and did not get his own feet even singed. "Tom" had to take the medicine as Governor Saltonstall could not stay, leaving Quincy's chief executive holding the "camel."


Every man at the ceremonial must have been smoking two cigars. Even with that crowd they could not have made as dense a smoke with one cigar per man.

Noble A. Kenneth Martin, Past Commander of South Shore Commandery, K. T., has been appointed Division Commander of the Ninth. He has selected Em. Sir W. Howard Mills as Deputy Grand Warder. "Ken" will put the same pep and energy into the position he does in business and his other fraternal orders.

South Shore was represented at the ceremonial with about 50 Nobles from this section, including G. Frederick Price, the man who has headed every body meeting in Masonic Temple, East Weymouth, also a Scottish Rite Mason. The only job he has not had as yet is "Dad" of the Rainbow. His son, G. Winfield Price, followed him in the East in Orphans, Hope Lodge.

Wollaston election and the Masonic bodies will be ready for 1940 with new Masters. Rural Lodge had 600 in attendance at the public installation of Wor. William J. Owens. Noble Sam MacQuarrie, a candidate at the November ceremonial, was installing officer. Theodore Roosevelt Lodge installation was next night when Wor. Irving G. McKenna took over the administration.

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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY  
Associate Editor

FROM the Degree Staff's angle the November Ceremonial was a huge success. The candidates were probably the best class we have had for some years; all willing to co-operate with the Degree Staff for a successful evening. In the limited time allotted to the Second Section a great deal was accomplished by way of introducing the candidates to the "Hot Sands." The Noble that disappeared in the tent has not, as yet, been found. If he doesn't show up very soon the Degree Staff may offer a small reward for his recovery unless the clothes he left behind will fit one of our members.

George Lewis is preparing for a trip South. He expects to leave directly after Christmas.

After a thorough investigation it was definitely determined that the Degree Staff had nothing to do with the explosion of firecrackers during the entertainment following the Second Section.

Ken Damon has left for a business trip South and expects to be gone until just before Christmas. Ken is driving and will call on his customers at all points between Concord, Mass., and Miami, Florida.

On November 17, Assistant Director, Sam Smith, acting as Governor Saltonstall's aide, was beautifully attired in the uniform of a Major in the United States Army. At our next Ceremonial, Sam will wear a regular Degree Staff uniform again.

Noble Carl I. Priest of the Degree Staff is having all kinds of trouble with the house he is building in Jamaica Plain. The truck that was hauling the steam shovel to the lot broke down. When it got there it knocked down some telephone wires and did not excavate the lot to the right dimension. So he had to hire men to dig the lot to the right size. He also had to change contractors. The only thing that can happen to him now is an earthquake or hurricane. If nothing else happens he will have the Degree Staff and their wives to a house warming sometime in January. This should be held on Carl's thirtieth wedding anniversary.



#### NOBLES HONORED BY KIWANIS

AT the annual meeting and election of officers of the Taunton Kiwanis Club, two Nobles of Aleppo were honored by being elected to serve the Club as officers for the year 1940.

Noble Frederick J. Wright of Brookline was elected President and Noble Howard Briggs was elected to serve as 2nd Vice President. Noble Wright is connected with the State income tax department and Noble Briggs is Treasurer of the City of Taunton.

With these Nobles at the helm, the Taunton Kiwanis Club are sure to have a successful 1940.

#### SAMOSSET CHAPTER INSTALLS

ONE of the largest gatherings ever seen at the Masonic Temple in Plymouth gathered on November 2, 1939, to witness the installation of the officers of Samoset Chapter of that city, for the ensuing year.

The business meeting was held in the afternoon at 5:30 P. M., after which the companions repaired to the banquet hall where 250 sat down to a home cooked turkey dinner with all the fixings, followed by a social hour.

After the banquet the companions returned to the lodge hall where the crowd had increased to over 300 who witnessed the installation of the officers by R. E. Raymond T. Sewall, assisted by R. E. William F. Clark, whose work was up to the usual perfect high standard.

Among the well-known Chapter Masons present were: R. E. Eben F. Hersey, D.G.H.P.; R. E. Herbert S. Fairclough, D.D.G.H.P.; R. Em. F. E. Nicholson of Hyannis and many Chapter Masons from Wollaston, Quincy, Hingham, Middleboro, Bridgewater and Brockton.

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By VAIL K. HAAK  
Associate Editor

**N**OBLES, the first round is over and with some of the teams gasping for breath. In a hand-to-hand struggle for possession of last place we find the dark horse team of this season captained by Noble Rogers leading the league. Rogers has finally organized a team and plenty will be heard of them before the end of the season.

The runner-up to this miracle team is J. C. Juthe's team, who has the one and only Jim Greig as a member. Jim is also leading the league in averages with slightly over 105. Girard Jones is second in this department with 102. (Where are the high scores of a year ago?)

That old proverb "Oh how the mighty have fallen", holds true when you consider the winners of the league the last two years. Capt. Eaton's team is resting firmly in last place. Of course they miss the sterling bowling of Harry Gordon who has absented himself from the alleys so far this year.

High string 140 goes to Girard Jones for the present, with high three string going to Jim Greig with 344. These scores are due to be broken shortly.

This month we want to welcome to the league a few new members: Nobles A. Whitaker, H. Chase, W. J. H. Worthington, J. P. Boynton, P. E. Charles and another Noble who is back with us after a year's layoff, "Doc" G. L. Howland.

The radio might have their Amos and Andy and the breakfast table may have their ham and eggs, but the Aleppo Bowling League is more fortunate—we have our "Boynton and Charles" and our "Kerr and Eggleton." These couples individually are inseparable.

The Aleppo Temple team in the Amateur Boston Pin League is resting in fourth place. The team paced by Capt. Jerry Jones, who is second in the league in averages with a cool 115, is still lacking the moral support when visiting outside clubs. Lots of nights we find it almost impossible to find a scorekeeper.

Why not try to attend these matches if you are in the vicinity, Nobles. At Winthrop a few weeks ago we were honored by the presence of Walter Morrison, our grand old Recorder. He did a fine job of score keeping for us and said that he enjoyed the evening very much.

Here is the schedule for the next few weeks:

Dec. 18—University at Aleppo.  
Jan. 2—Aleppo at Oxford.  
Jan. 8—Winthrop Yacht at Aleppo.  
Jan. 15—Aleppo at City Club.  
Jan. 22—Pentucket at Aleppo.

All Aleppo home games rolled at the City Club.

Next month the Aleppo League should be pretty well evened up in ability. This column will carry the names of the top ten bowlers and averages. Why not get mentioned, Nobles. Just try your hardest.



#### MIAMI SHRINERS CELEBRATE

**O**UR Noble Franklin T. Anderson sends us the following letter from Miami, Florida, to enlighten us on the fun the Shriners have in the "Sunshine State."

"Dear Noble Leggee:

"As the ALEPPO NEWS is always a source of pleasure to me I thot the doings of 'Shrine Day' here at Miami, Florida, might be of interest to any of the Nobility who might be sojourning in this vicinity at the time, Friday, December 29, 1939.

"It may also interest those who cannot be with us and give an insight on a day when Shriners hold the town. Harmless fun is enjoyed by all. From the start in the morning when the parade starts and all Nobles with fezzes are rounded up and drawn into the ranks.

"The Kangaroo Court is held at the Court House when victims, male and female, are judged and sentenced to confinement in a huge portable cage where they are subjected to jeers and wise cracks from friends on the outside. Sometimes nearby offices are raided for victims and then Judges and attorneys as well as police officials have to take a taste of the justice.

"Traffic is held up and woe to the fellow who gets ugly about it. On the busiest corners in the middle of the street Fez-bedecked men sit at a table and play cards or eat lunch to the amusement of the pedestrians who stop to watch the fun. At lunch hour long tables are set up spread with food for the hungry Nobility. This is done in the busiest section and we always have spectators to cheer us on.

"To visitors from the north it is a welcome diversion and the innocent hilarity replaces frowns with smiles for Shriners insist on it and when a Noble insists—well, you know!

"Sincerely yours,

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BY CHARLES C. FEARING  
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ALL quiet along the Potomac. In spite of our pleadings the boys have been behaving like a bunch of Sunday school kids. No murders, no major crimes, no nothing. In fact we can't even scare up a theme song.

However, we understand there is something in the offing. (We don't just know what an offing is but something is always getting in it.) The band has been invited to assist at the big Athletic Night on December 8; not as active participants with the padded gloves or in the "grunt and groan" contingent, but to furnish a little harmony in between the bouts. You know that "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast." Now we hope the compositor won't change that last word to "beast," as he did once before when we used this quotation. We were somewhat peeved when he changed it because we thought we were right at the time. Now we are sure of it. Recently we noticed one of those "Do you know" signs in the Elevated trains and it expressly stated that the correct quotation is "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, not 'beast.'" So our chest expanded at least four inches. We were right the first time.

At the last rehearsal our genial and debonair (we like that word) Quartermaster, Freddie Goggin, handed us a letter from "Tony" Di Lascia, who used to play flute with Aleppo band. He went back to Italy several years ago on account of his health. He has returned to New York and is glad to be back in the good old U. S. A. Tony writes that he regained his health but lost his personal liberty, and he "Thanks Allah that he was not sent to a concentration camp nor his two sons put in the black shirt facist army." When he tried to get his American money back he was informed it had been turned over to the government for Italian bonds, which are worthless in this country (or anywhere else—we inserted this last). "Tony" is a fine flutist and a teacher of wide experience in all brass and wood wind instruments, having been instrumental instructor in the U. S. Navy schools for a good many years. He hopes to secure employment along these lines or with some band or orchestra. Conditions are terrible in all the European countries ruled by Dictators, according to his letter, and the Statue of Liberty sure looked good to him.

Of course all you good Republicans (and sinners) celebrated Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November and not on the 23rd. We hope so at least, because it was our birthday. Once in seven years the 30th of November is marked in red numerals on the calendars and it is proclaimed a holiday, but Franklin D. tried to rob us of this distinction by shifting the date. Our good old New England spirit refused to be shifted so our natal day was a holiday in Massachusetts as per schedule.

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